Drinking water crisis in Delhi

†1300. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some parts of Delhi are facing severe crisis of drinking water;

(b) if so, the names of such regions/colonies;

(c) whether Government are aware that DDA flats as Anand Vihar and Mayur Vihar Phase-I in East Delhi are facing the problem of severe shortage of drinking water;

(d) whether there is any proposal for supplying water to the said flats from Sonia Vihar water treatment plant;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of the other steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) have informed that there is a shortage of drinking water supply in Delhi. Against the total requirement of 850 Million Gallons per day (MGD), DJB is producing 675 MGD of water. The areas of South Delhi/South West/East Delhi which are at the tail end of the distribution system as well as areas located at an elevated level face problems. The DDA has indicated that the colonies of Dwarka, Rohini Phase-III (Sector 20-25) and Vasundhara Enclave Cooperative Group Housing Scheme (CGHS) are facing shortage of drinking water.

(c) The DDA and DJB have reported that adequate water supply is being made to the DDA flats at Anand Vihar and Mayur Vihar Phase-I.

(d) and (e) DJB has indicated that the water supply could be augmented after commissioning of the Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant. However, the supply of water would depend upon the availability and augmentation of raw water to Delhi.

(f) DJB has reported that about 100 deep tube wells have also been drilled in flood plain areas of river Yamuna which had given a discharge of about 30 MGD of water.

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